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To whom this may concern

As a life long resident of the Island City Portsmouth - I am writing to you to express my fears and concerns over the Aquind Interconnector and tell you this cannot be allowed to happen.

Knowing my city as well as I do; a city that is one of the most densely populated in Europe, with only 3 roads on and off the island, and with high levels of air traffic pollution, that becomes gridlocked with only 1 accident anywhere in the city - this appalling Aquind Interconnector Scheme cannot be allowed to go ahead.

Only 1 week ago, a ruptured sewer on one of the mains roads caused days of painful gridlock to the city, with residents/visitors spending **hours** attempting to enter or leave the city along the Eastern Rd, this had a considerable knock on affect to all other roads within the city, causing considerable congestions, missed hospital and doctor appointments, school in-attendances, lateness for work in 4 days of hell. Not to mention the financial loss to the local economies.

This congestion and gridlock also spread to outside of the city and affected other roads on the SouthCoast including the A3 & M27 & A27 - affecting other towns and cities outside of Portsmouth and causing accidents. See below photo.

The proposal for Aquind will mean these same issues as they will be working alongside and close the Eastern Rd at times which cannot be allowed to happen again - certainly not for year at a time.

Furthermore the considerable heavy machinery and plant that will be used for the years of Contruction will cause noise pollution, and plenty of air pollution - in a city where it is already high.

We do not want this large construction in our City, through areas of contaminated land, digging up areas used by locals to walk their dogs, and exercise with their children, through allotments, past houses, in areas of natural beauty, through marshes, and communities. We do not want it. We are already suffering loss of coastal around the city due to flood defence works, with whole swathes of public areas being fenced off for years at a time - we dont want any more.

We do not want the environmental damage.

We do not want the congestion.

We do not want the air pollution

We do not want the noise.

We do not want AQUIND.

Please please please do not allow this scheme to go ahead. It will wreck lives.



Kind regards

Amy Walshe

Portsmouth resident of 46 years.